Disputes regarding mafia activities in Bihar

726. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was dispute between the police officials of Government of Bihar and the staff of the Coal Ministry about the mafia activities in the coal region of Bihar;

b) whether it is also a fact that there was substance in the allegations made by Bihar Police officials regarding coal mine mafia; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) There was difference of opinion between the District Administration, Dhanbad and BCCL on alleged infilteration of mafia in casual labour employed at loading points and exservicemen's transport societies. The matter has been sorted out in the joint meeting convened for the purpose.

Linking of Ennore and Mettur Thermal Power Station to Singareni collieries

727. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ennore and Mettur Thermal Power Stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) were originally linked to Singareni Collieries Company Ltd by rail route :

(b) if so, when and why coal supply to these stations was stopped from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.;

(c) what are the collieries with which these Thermal Power Stations are now linked for the supply of coal;

(d) what is the extent of additional expenditure involved because of the change of linkage, what is the normal transportation period with the change of linkage and how is it affecting the sustained supply to these stations ; and

(e) whether any compensation has been paid to the Electricity Board for the additional expenditure involved in transportation, because of the sudden change of linkage and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Ennore & Mettur Thermal Power Stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) were originally linked to Singareni Collieries Company Limited on long-term basis. However, the linkages of these power houses have transferred from Singareni Collieries Company Limited to Coal India Limited during 1989-90 and 1990-91. This became necessary due to shortfall in production of coal by Singareni Collieries Company Limited. In case the linkages were not changed. the linked power houses of TNEB would not have received adequate quantities of coal for required power generation thereby affecting economic activity in the state.

(c) Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term) does not link thermal power stations to specific collieries. The linkages are given only coalfield -wise. The present linkages to these power stations are from Talcher and Ib-Valley coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.